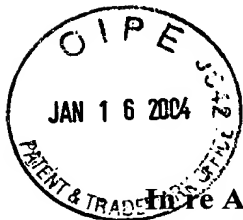


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In response to the Official Action dated September 10, 2003, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being filed concurrently with the present response:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page @@ of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page @@ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.